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Michelle R. Smith  
The Associated Press  
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Dear Ms. Smith:

This letter is an interim response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request (DON-NAVY-2021-005450) of April 9, 2021, in which you requested a copy of the Naval Inspector General report about the investigation into Rear Adm. Jeffrey Harley's management of the U.S. Naval War College, along with any addendums and attachments. Your request was processed in accordance with the FOIA and the Privacy Act (PA). Potential fees associated with this response are waived. This is an interim response only. Additional documents will be provided as soon as they are processed.

The Report of Investigation you requested is located in our Reading Room and can be accessed here:  
[https://www.secnave.navy.mil/ig/FOIA%20Reading%20Room/201801726\\_ROI\\_HARLEY.pdf](https://www.secnave.navy.mil/ig/FOIA%20Reading%20Room/201801726_ROI_HARLEY.pdf)

My point of contact for FOIA is Ms. Jamie Smith. If you have any questions, she may be reached at (202) 567-1674.

You have the right to an appeal. It must be received (i.e., post-marked if by mail, sent if by email, submitted if by FOIAonline) within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. Please provide the appeal authority (see below) the following in an envelope marked "FOIA appeal":

- a. a letter requesting an appeal that explains what you are appealing with any supporting arguments or reasons you think may be worthy of consideration;
- b. a copy of your initial request;
- c. a copy of the letter of denial.

Also, please provide me a copy of your appeal letter at:

Office of the Naval Inspector General  
ATTN: Legal Office FOIA Officer  
1254 9th Street SE, Building 172  
Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5006

a. Through FOIAonline. This will work only if you set up an account on FOIAonline before you make the request that you would like to appeal. To set up an account, go to FOIAonline (this is a website that will appear as the top hit if you search the internet for "FOIAonline"), click "Create Account" (a link located within the blue banner at the top in the upper right corner), enter your data into the field that subsequently appears, and click "Save" (at the bottom left of the screen). With your account thereby created, you will have the power to file an appeal on FOIAonline to any request you file on FOIAonline thereafter. To do so, locate your request (enter a keyword or the request tracking number in the "Search for" field on the "Search" tab), click on it, then the "Create Appeal" tab in the left-hand column. Complete the subsequent field, click "Save," and FOIAonline will submit your appeal.

b. By mail. Address your appeal to:

The Judge Advocate General (Code 14)  
1322 Patterson Avenue SE, Suite 3000  
Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066

You may also contact the DON FOIA Public Liaison, Christopher Julka, at [christopher.a.julka@navy.mil](mailto:christopher.a.julka@navy.mil), (703) 697-0031. In addition, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) provides a voluntary mediation process for resolving disputes between persons making FOIA requests and the Department of the Navy (DON). For more information, go to <https://www.archives.gov/ogis/about-ogis/contact-information>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "K. E. Carroll", written in a cursive style.

K. E. CARROLL